

High-Priority Tools for Public Health Emergency Legal Preparedness

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Strategic Goal

All Counties, Cities, States, Tribes, and Territories should be legally prepared for all-hazards public health emergencies



2011-2016 PHEP Cooperative Agreement

- Will align to the Target Capability List (3.0)
- The TCL will include legal preparedness
- Implementing these new tools will help you prepare for the 2011-2016 PHEP cooperative agreement program



Workshop Purpose

- Learn how to use 8 tools to lead your agency's development of public health emergency legal preparedness
- Conceptualize your action plans to implement the tools and report on their impact



Public Health Emergency Legal Preparedness

What is it?

Attainment of legal capabilities
essential to successful response
to all-hazards public health threats



Four Core Elements

- Laws & legal authorities
 - To authorize emergency preparedness and response actions
- Competencies
 - To apply laws effectively
- Coordination
 - To implement laws across jurisdictions and sectors
- Information
 - On legal “best practices” in emergencies



Approach to Developing the Tools

- Multi-sector collaboration
 - Front-line practitioners
 - NACCHO, ASTHO, CDC
 - Emergency management, law enforcement, judiciary, other sectors
- Focus on practitioners' priorities



8 High-Priority Tools

- 1) “Public Health Emergency Law 3.0”
- 2) “Forensic Epidemiology 3.0”
- 3) “Framework for Improving Cross-Sector Coordination”
- 4) “Guide to Developing an MOU for Coordinated Implementation of Community Response Measures”



8 High-Priority Tools

- 5) “Public Health Legal Action in Communicable Disease Response”
- 6) “Legal Aspects of Pandemic Influenza: A Tabletop Exercise & Bench Book”
- 7) The “Social Distancing Law Assessment Template”
- 8) “Menu of Suggested Provisions for Public Health Mutual Aid Agreements”



Plus

- “The National Action Agenda for Public Health Legal Preparedness”
- For judicial preparedness
 - Bench books
 - Training in infectious disease science and law



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Workshop Outline

- *An introduction to each tool*
- *Presentations and dialogue*
- *Wrap-up and prize drawing*
- *Your evaluations, please!*



For Additional Information on Public Health Law

- CDC Public Health Law Program (and “The News”) <http://www.cdc.gov/phlp>
- NACCHO: <http://www.naccho.org>
- ASTHO <http://www.astho.org>

